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A new tool for risk-based biosecurity advice

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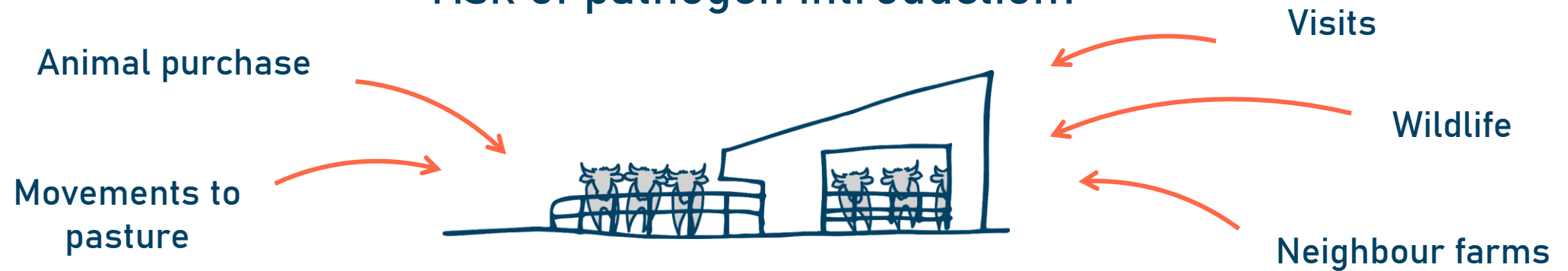
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We know that biosecurity is crucial, but there are still many challenges to its implementation...



Quantitative risk analysis model to provide tailored farm recommendations

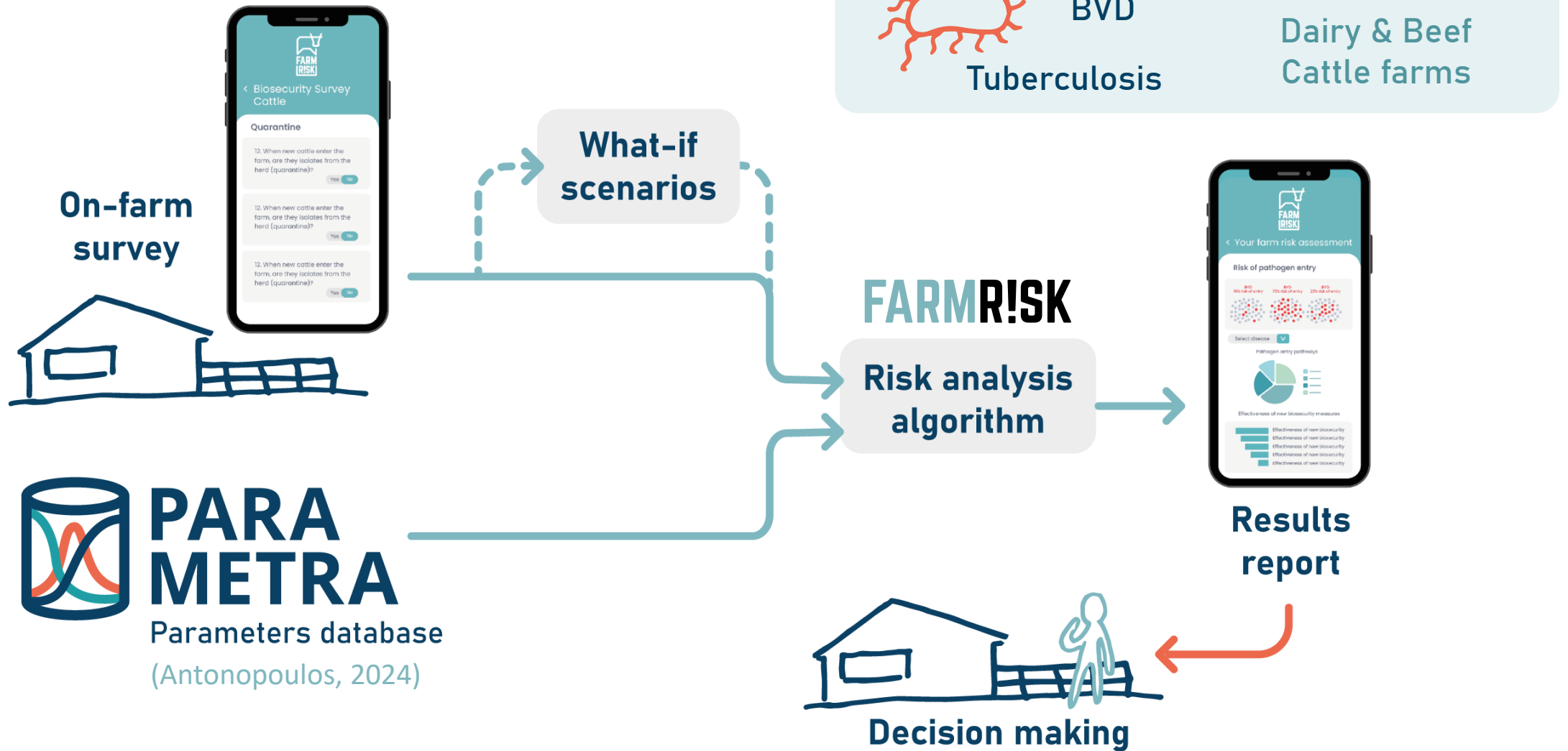
How do different pathways contribute to overall risk of pathogen introduction?



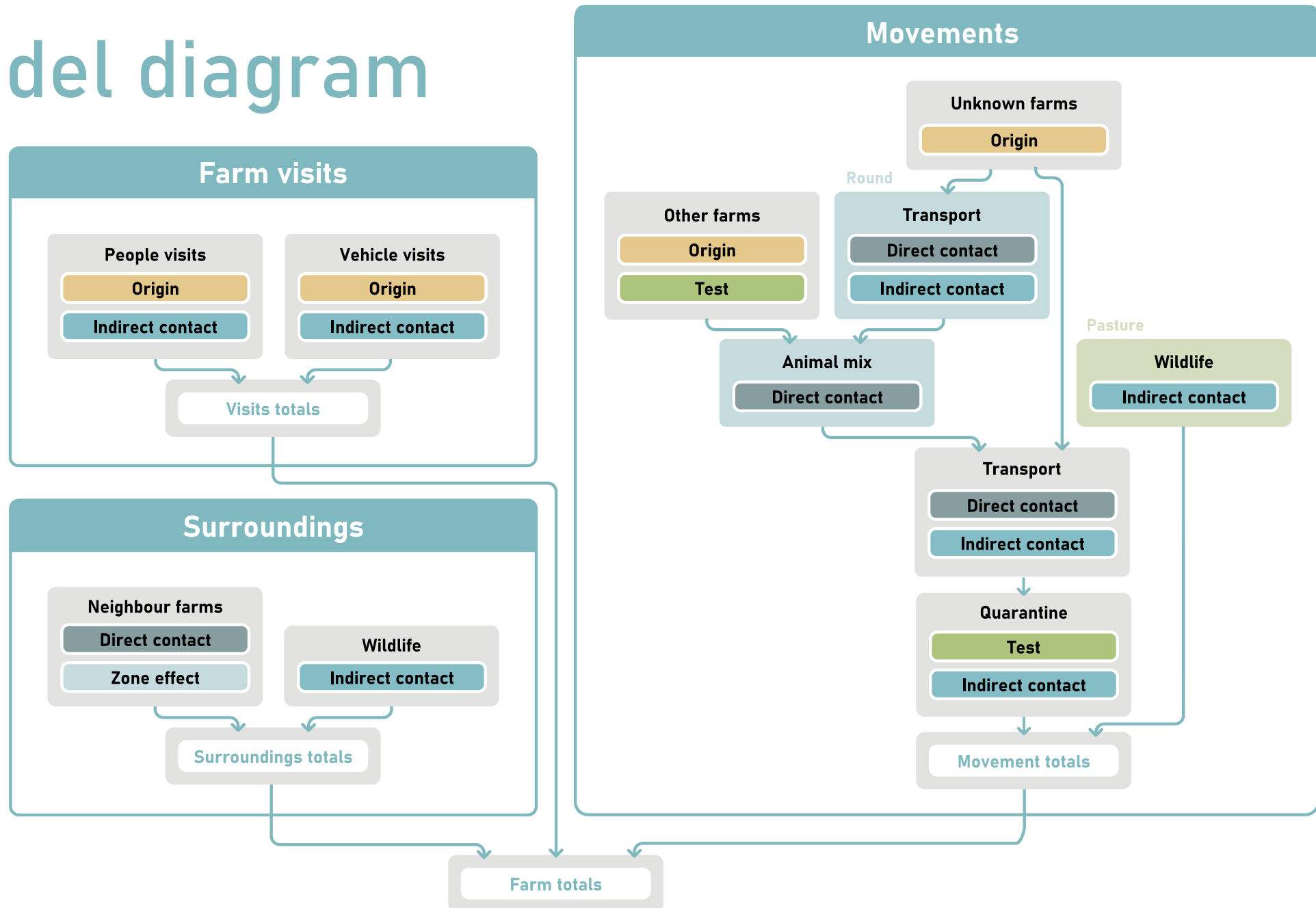
Which biosecurity measures should be prioritized to reduce risk?



Methodology

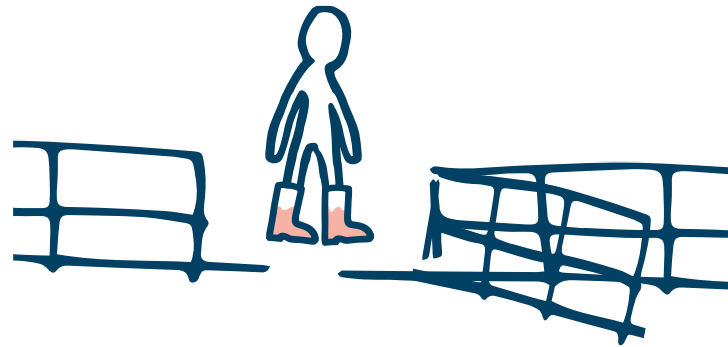


Model diagram



People Visits

What is the risk of a visitor introducing a pathogen into the farm?



People Visits

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1. Farm visitors

People entering the barn or having direct contact with the animals

Visitor

Open field to clarify which visitor you are referring to

Type of visitor

External veterinarians

Annual frequency (times/year)

i.e. each two days = 180 , weekly = 52, monthly = 12, each two years = 0.5

When they enter the barn or come in contact with your animals...

Do they wear boots that are only used on this farm?

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☒ Always

☐ Sometimes

☐ Never

Do they wear boots that are only used on this farm?

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☐ Don't know

If they wear boots used on other farms, are they clean and disinfected when they enter the farm?

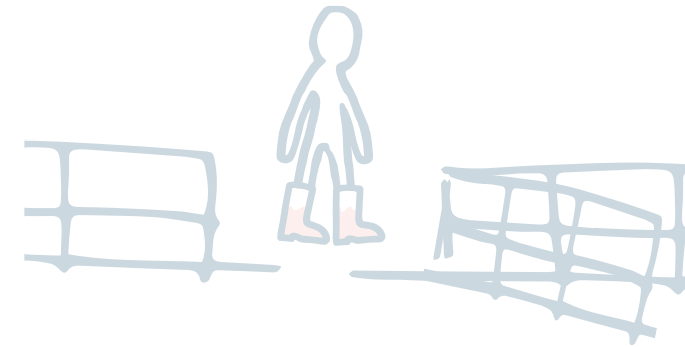
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Do they use equipment that is only used on this farm?



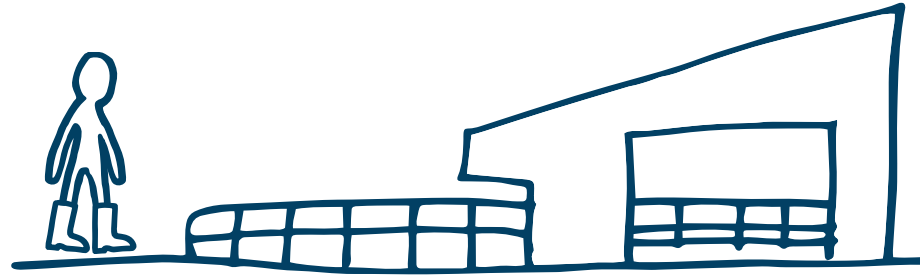
People Visits

Use of boots/equipment
in other farm

No

Yes

100%



Type of visitor

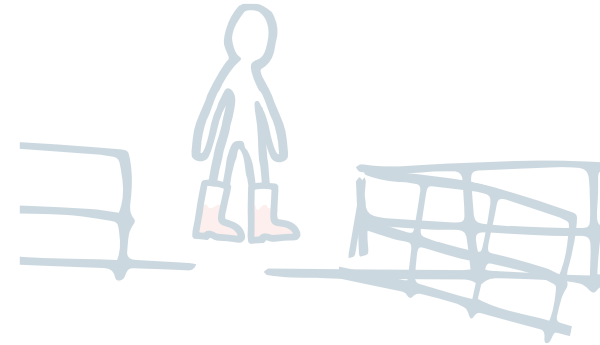
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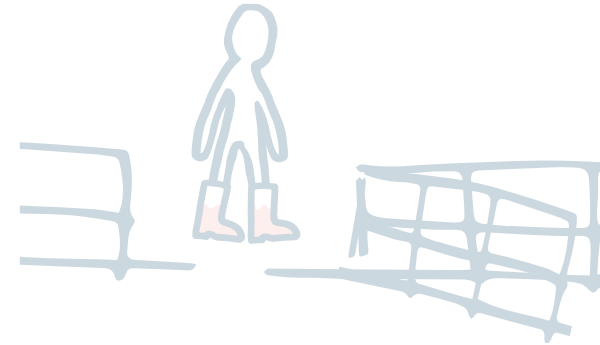
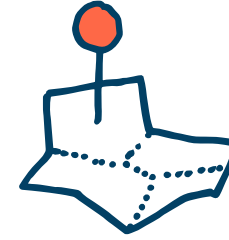
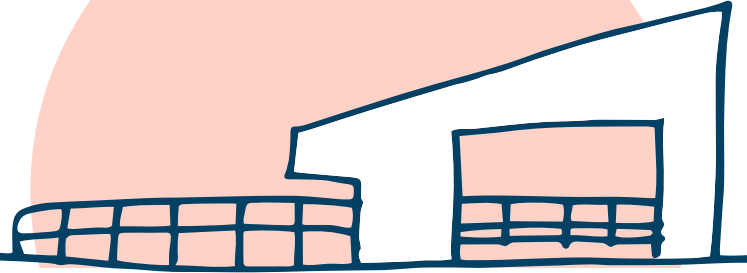
Infected
farm

Regional prevalence (28-32%)

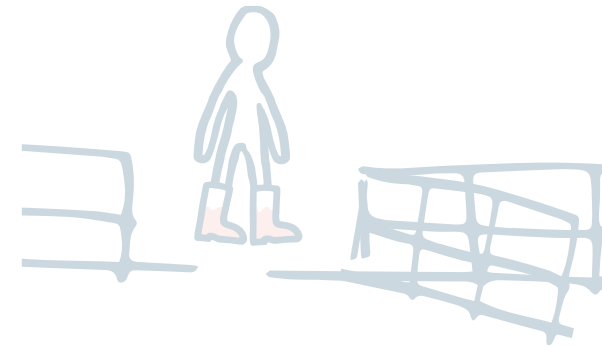
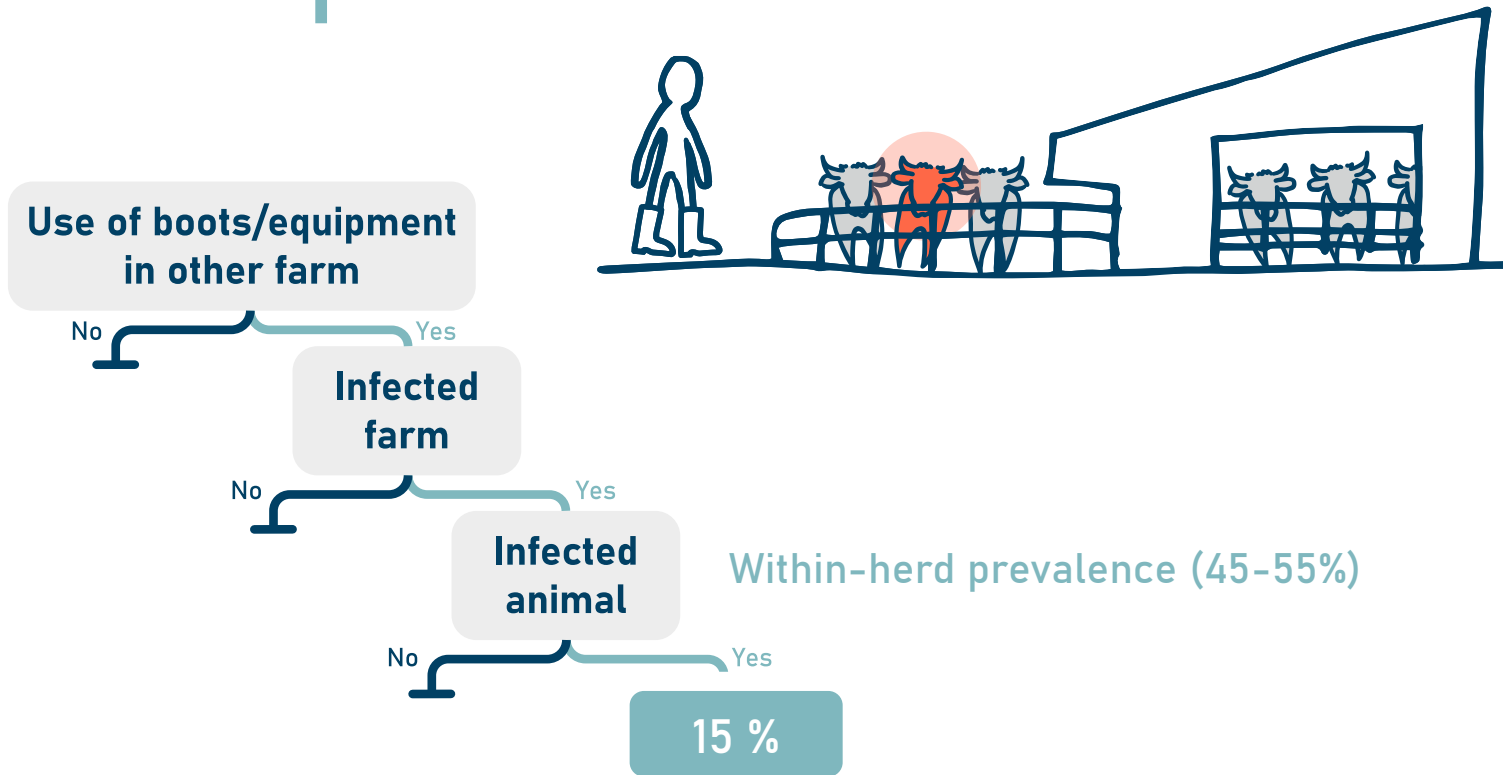
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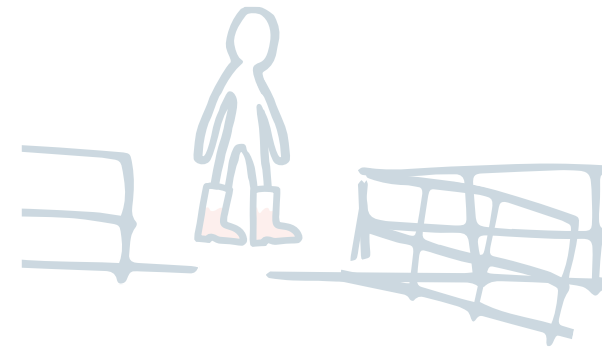
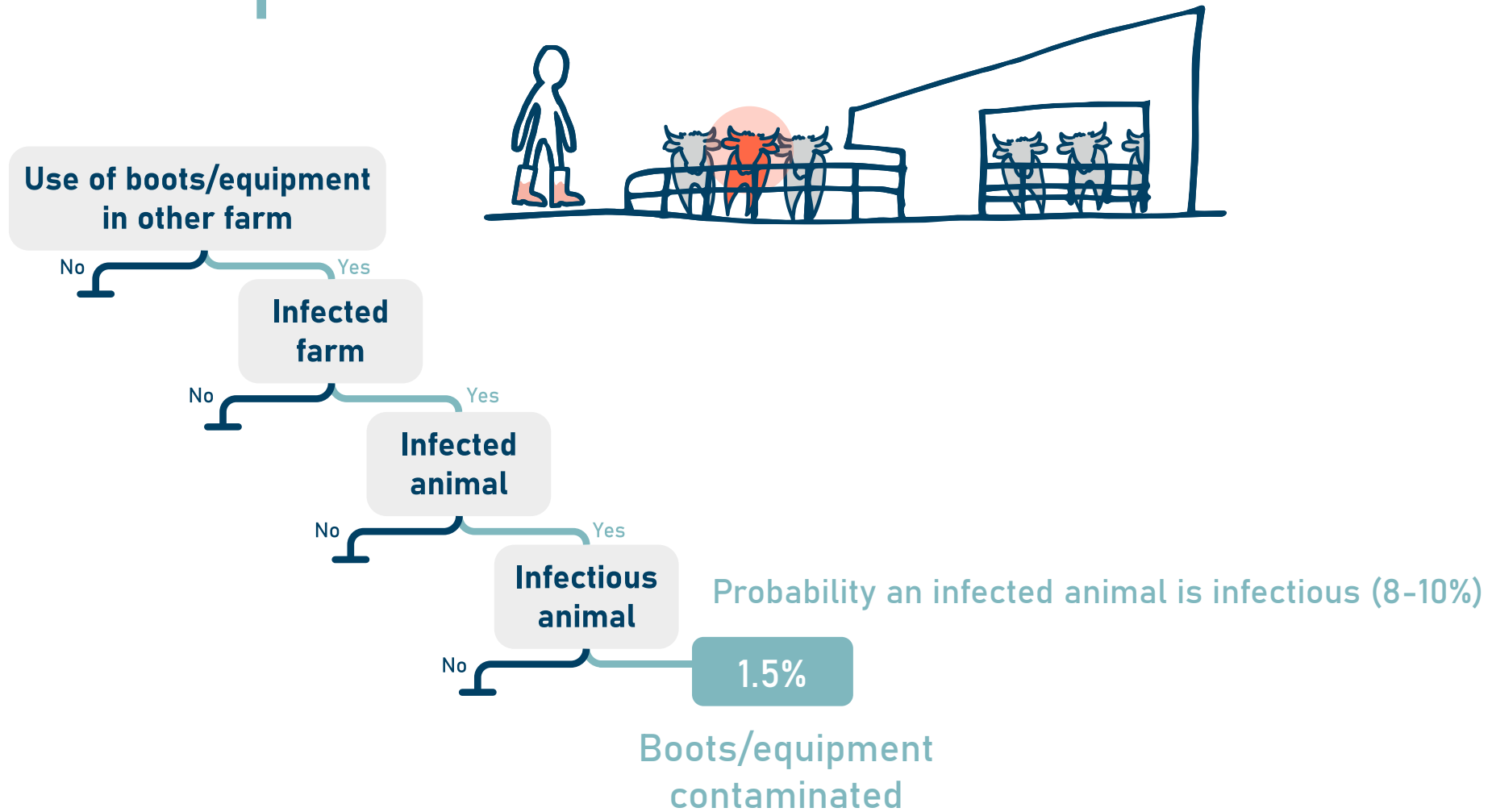
30%



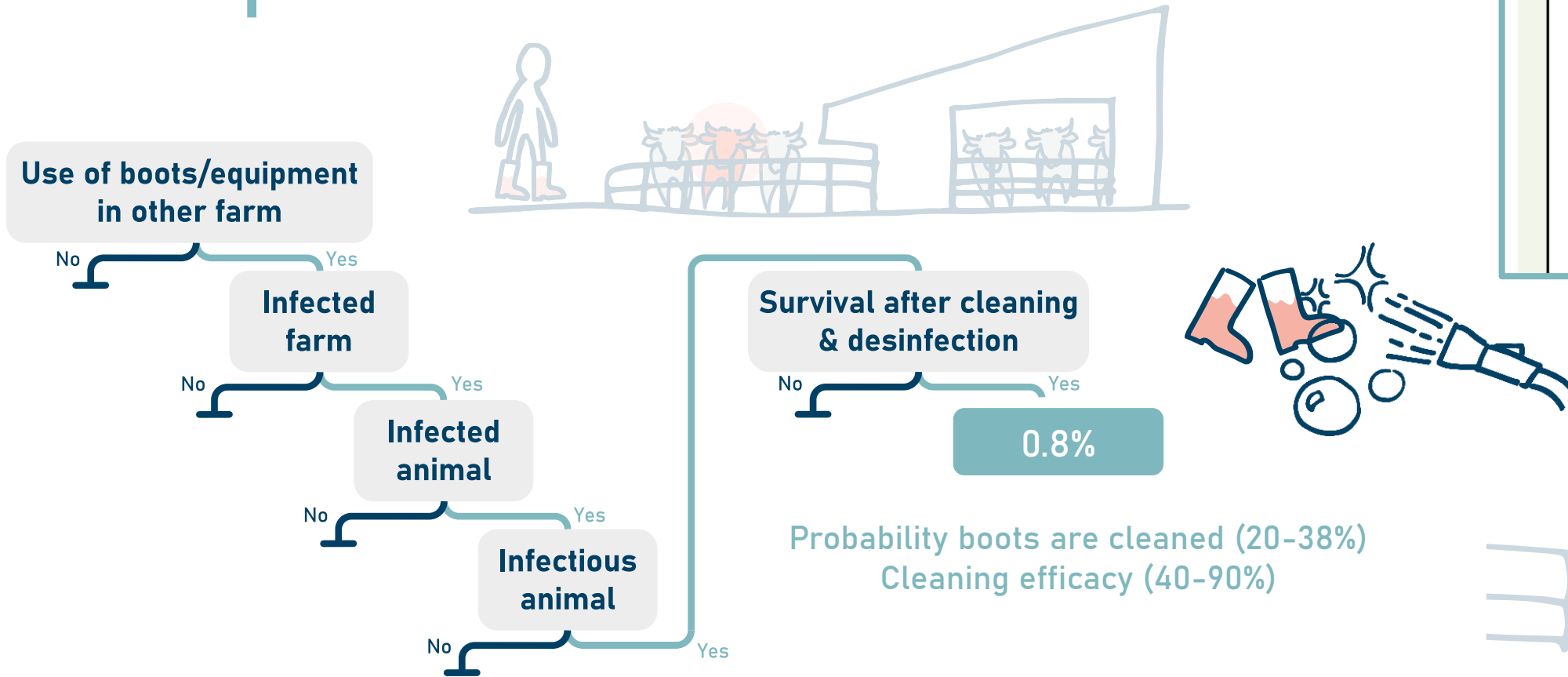
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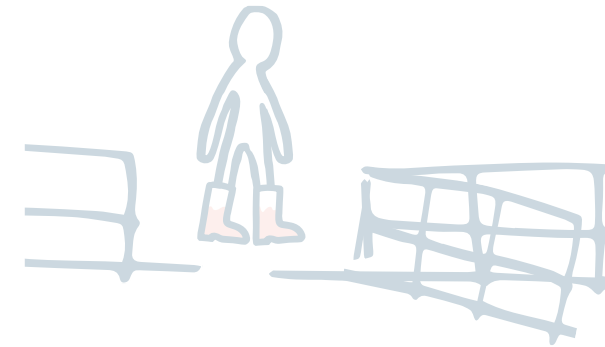


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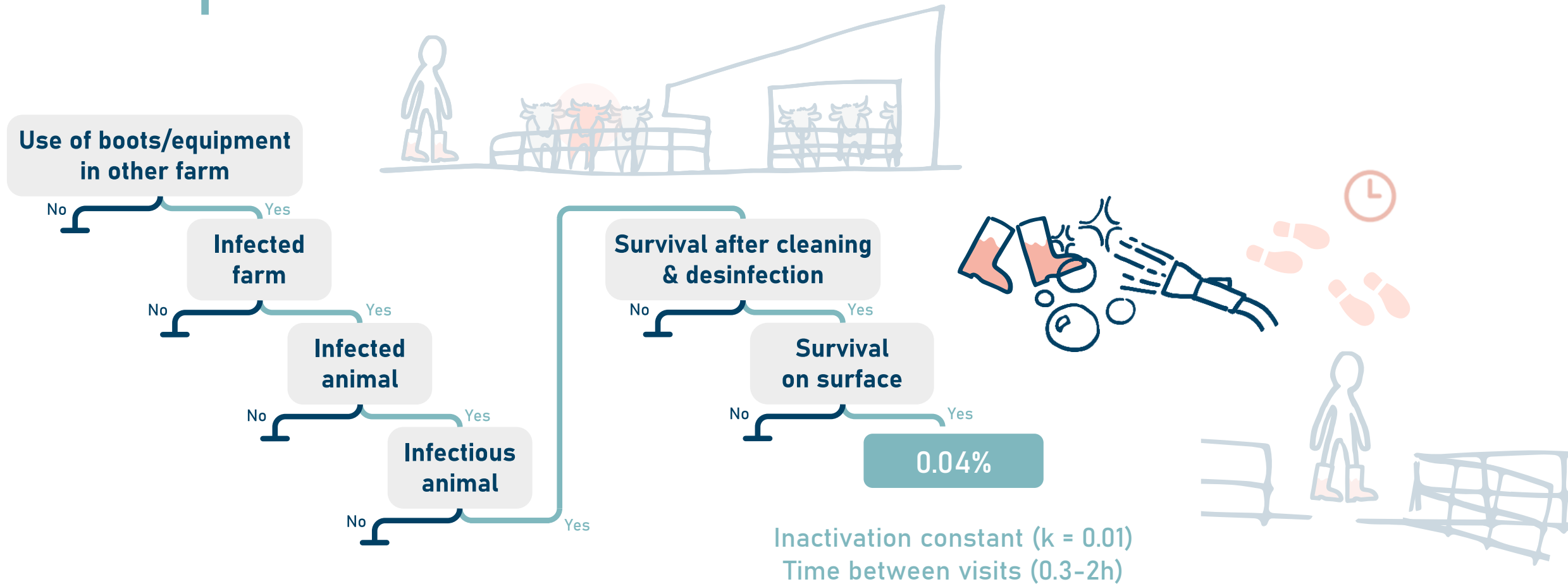


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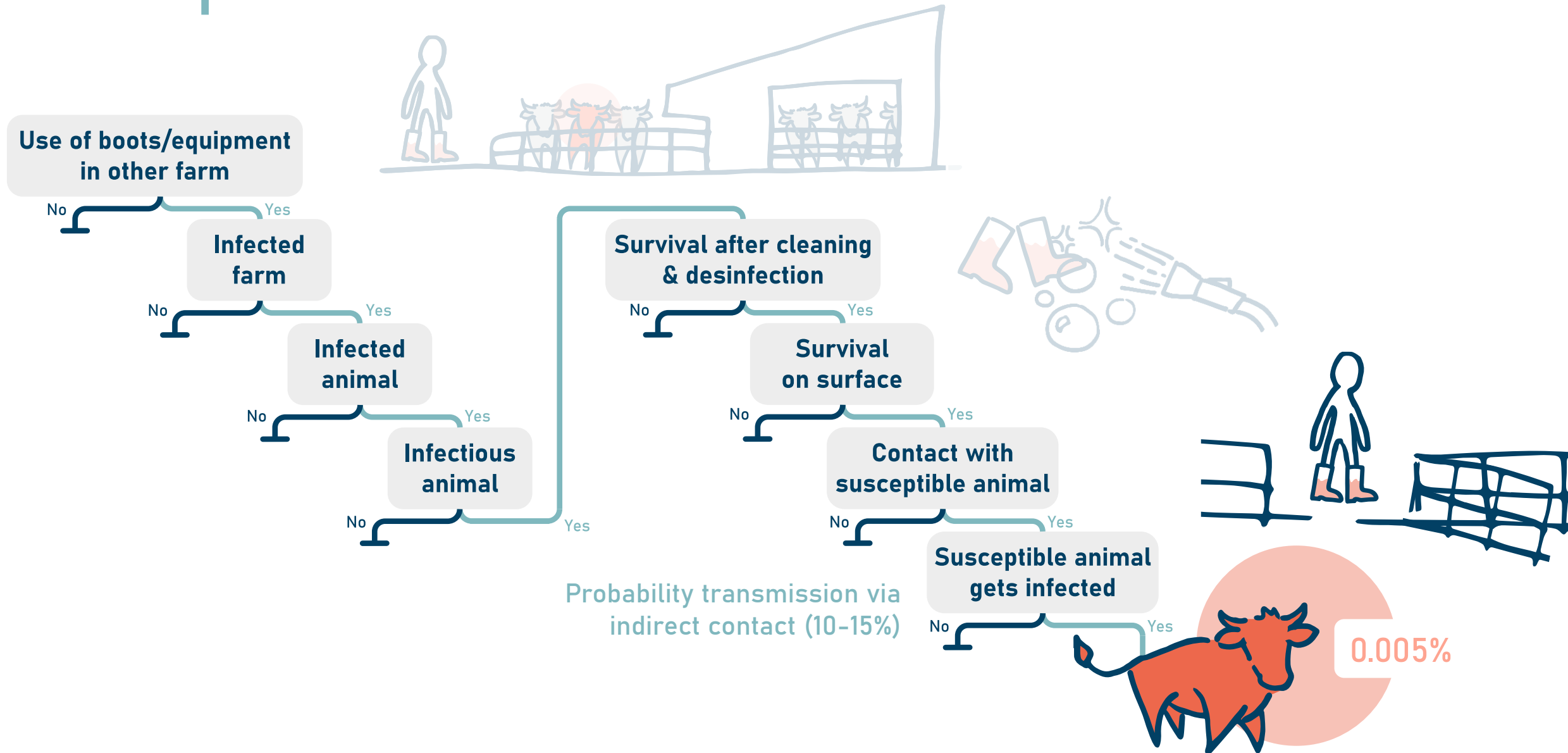
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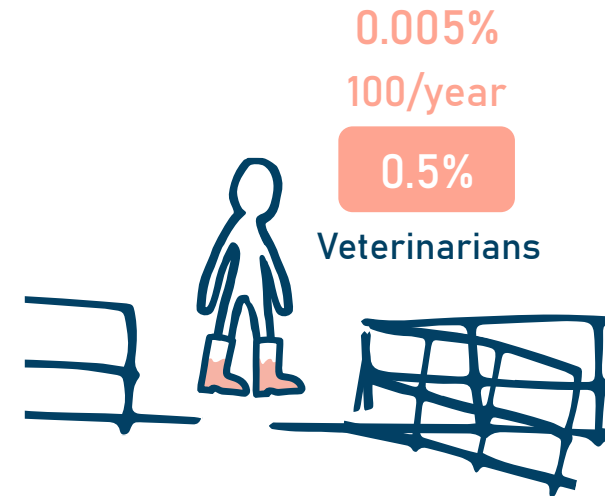
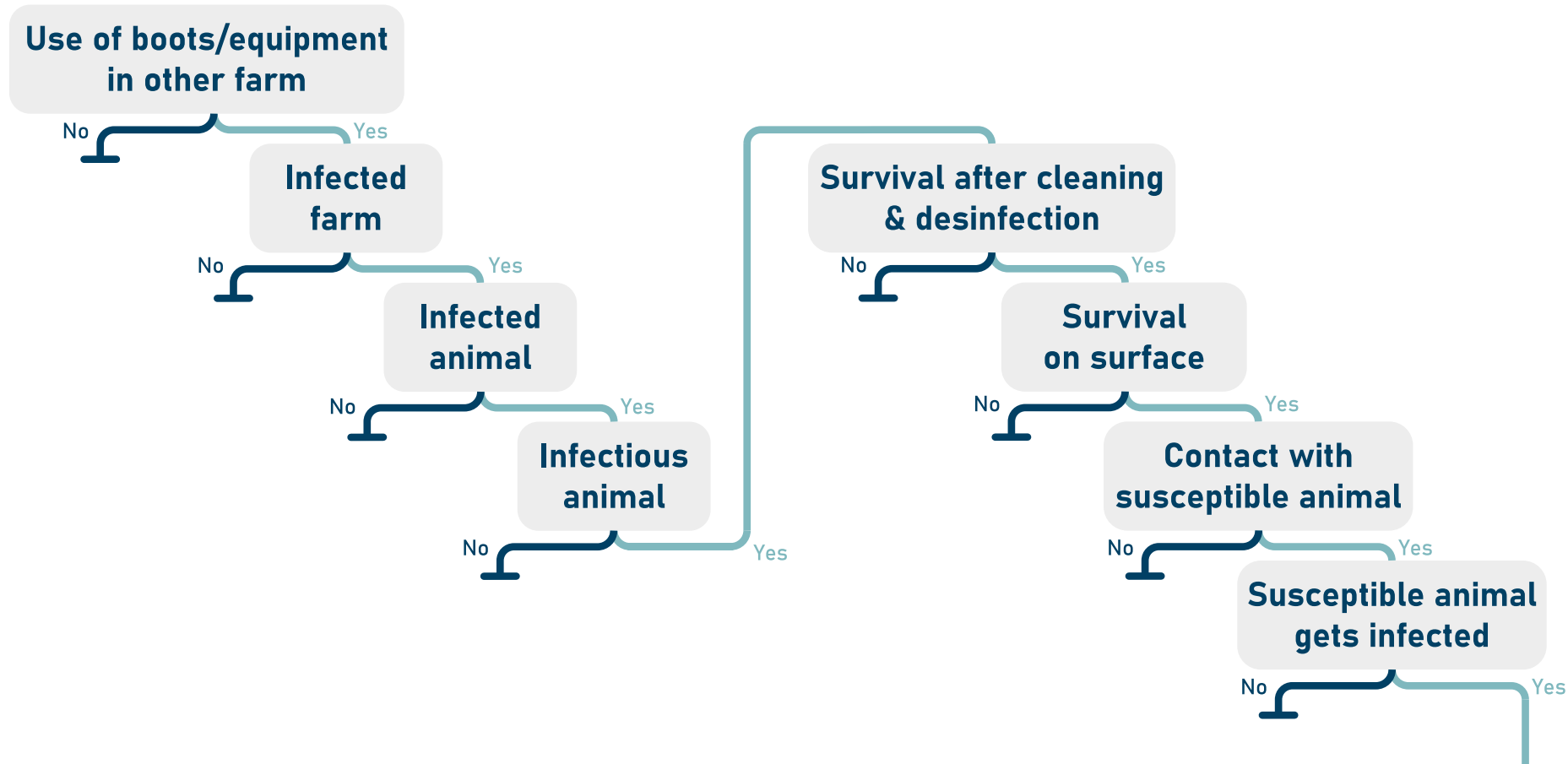
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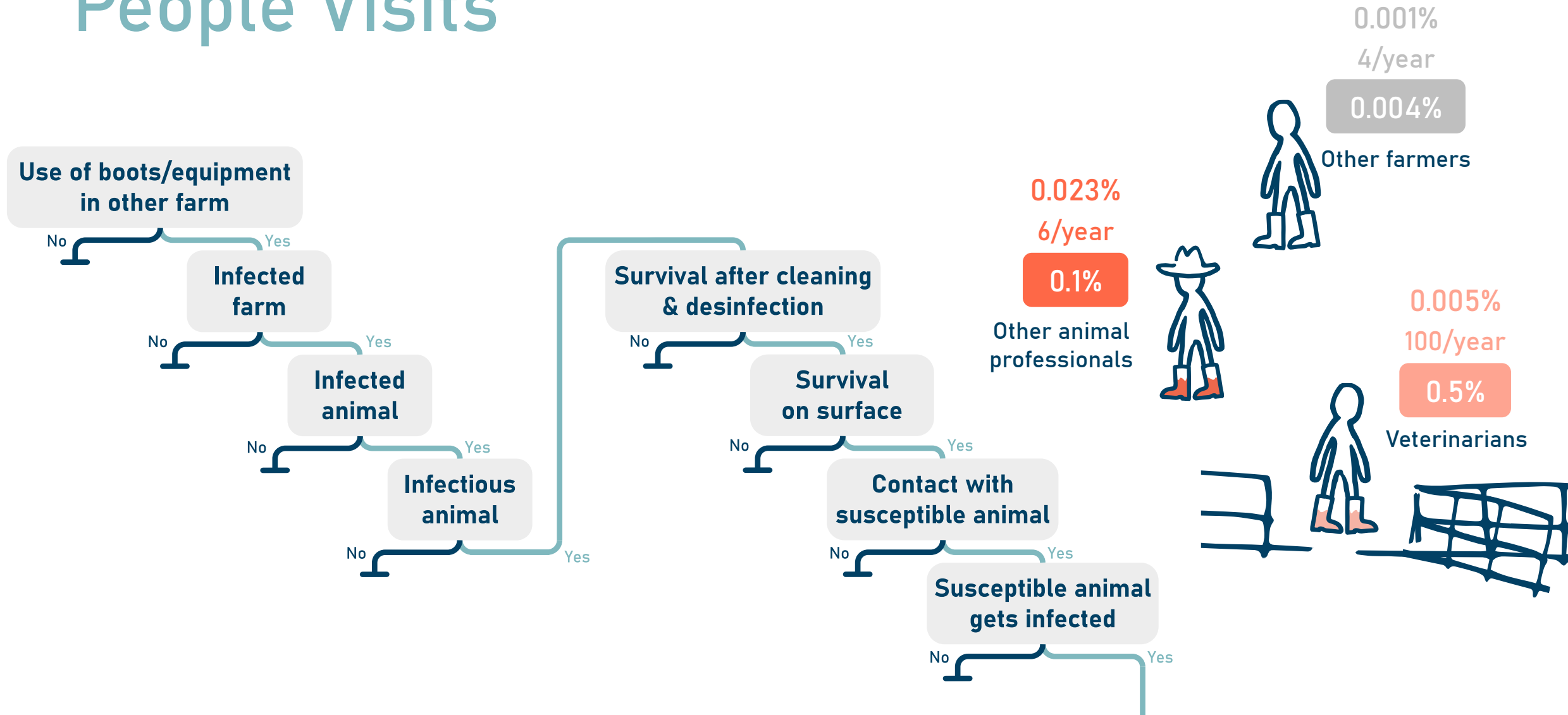
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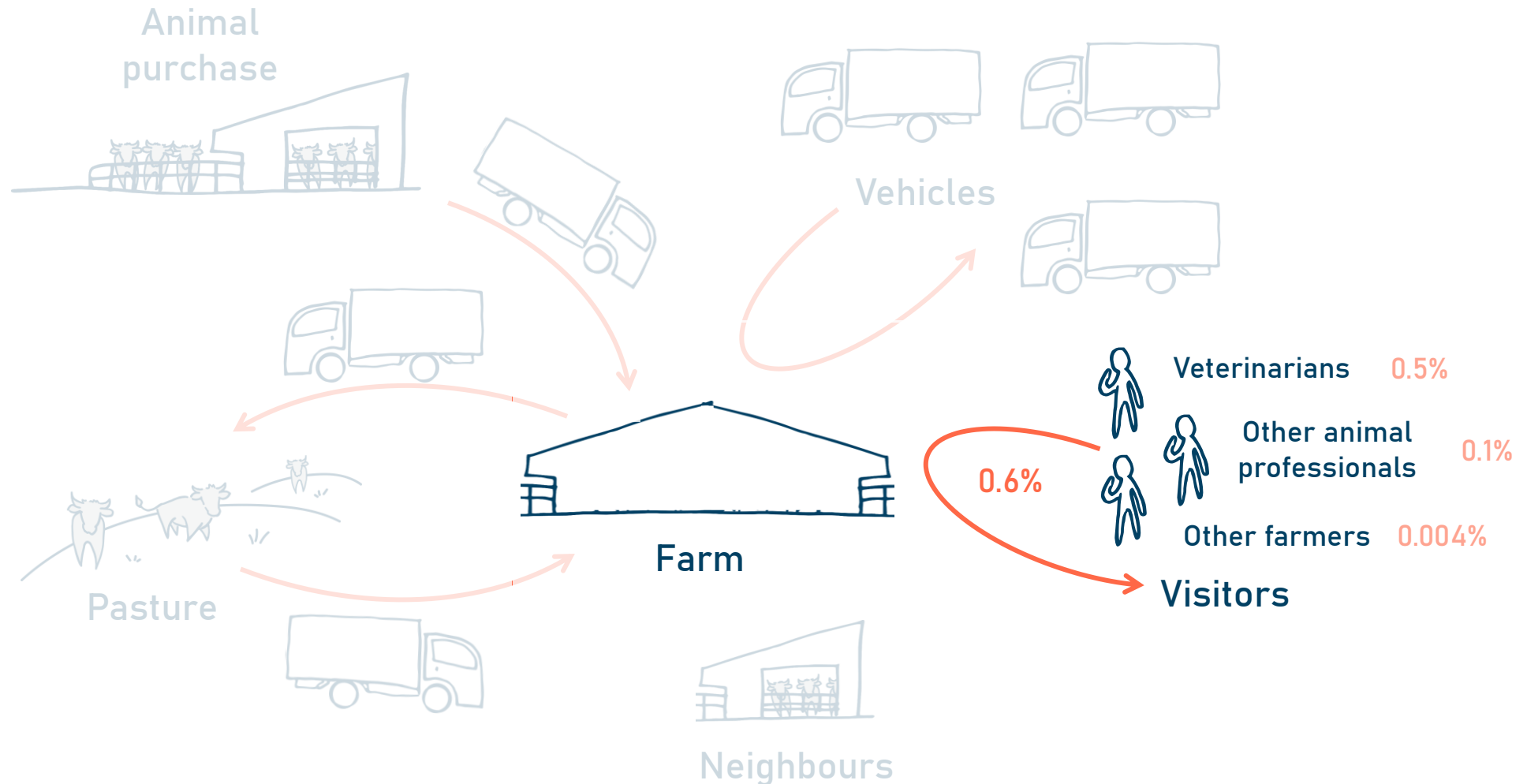


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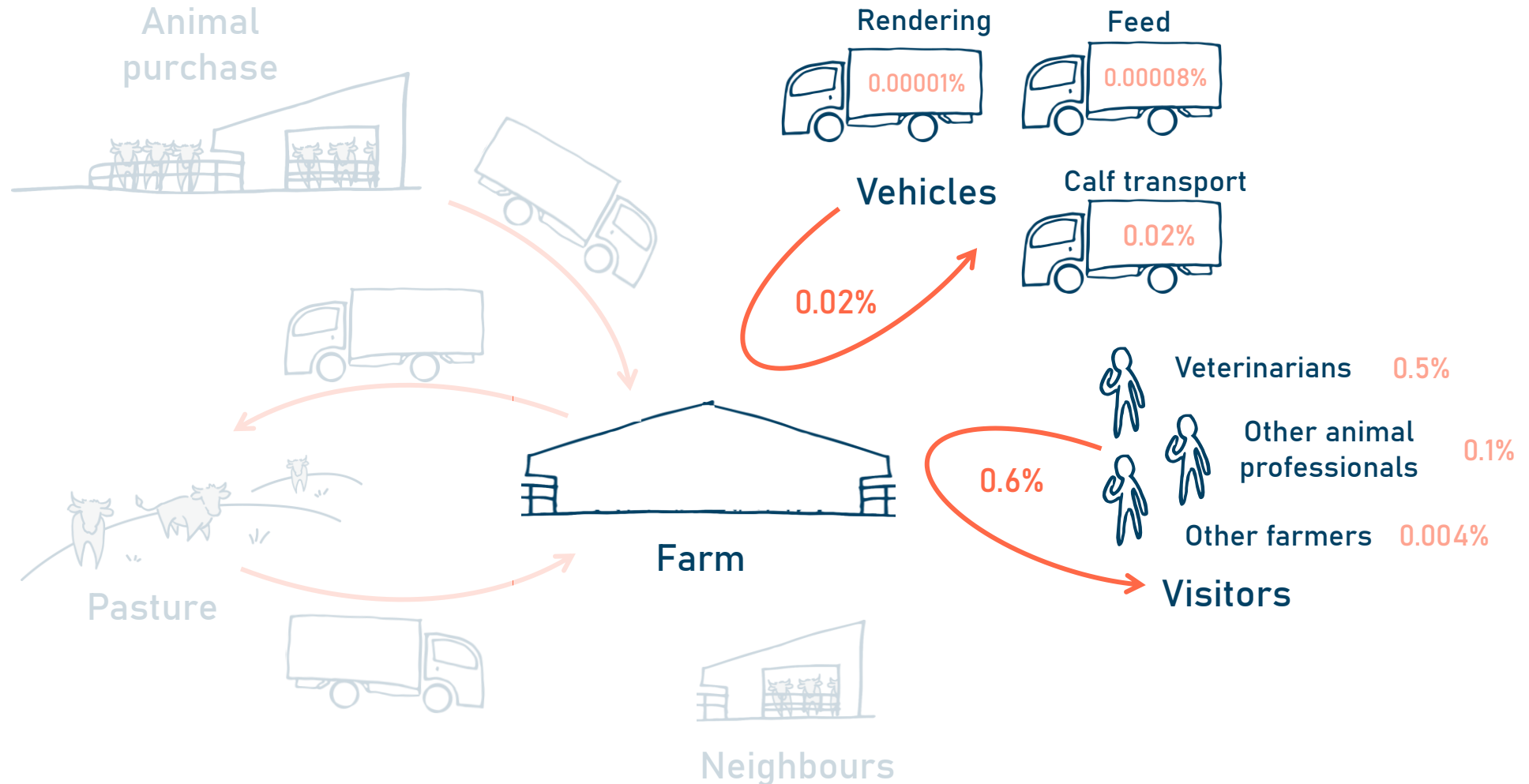
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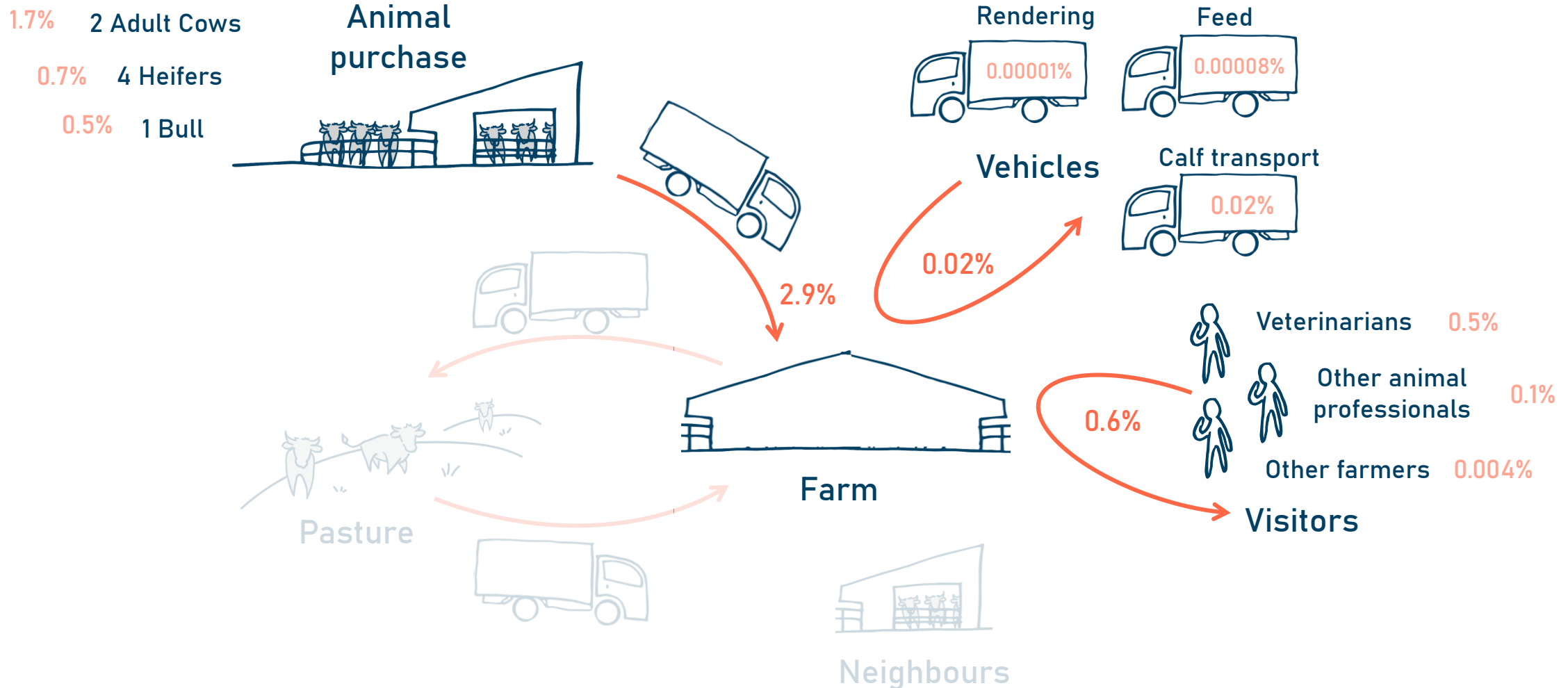
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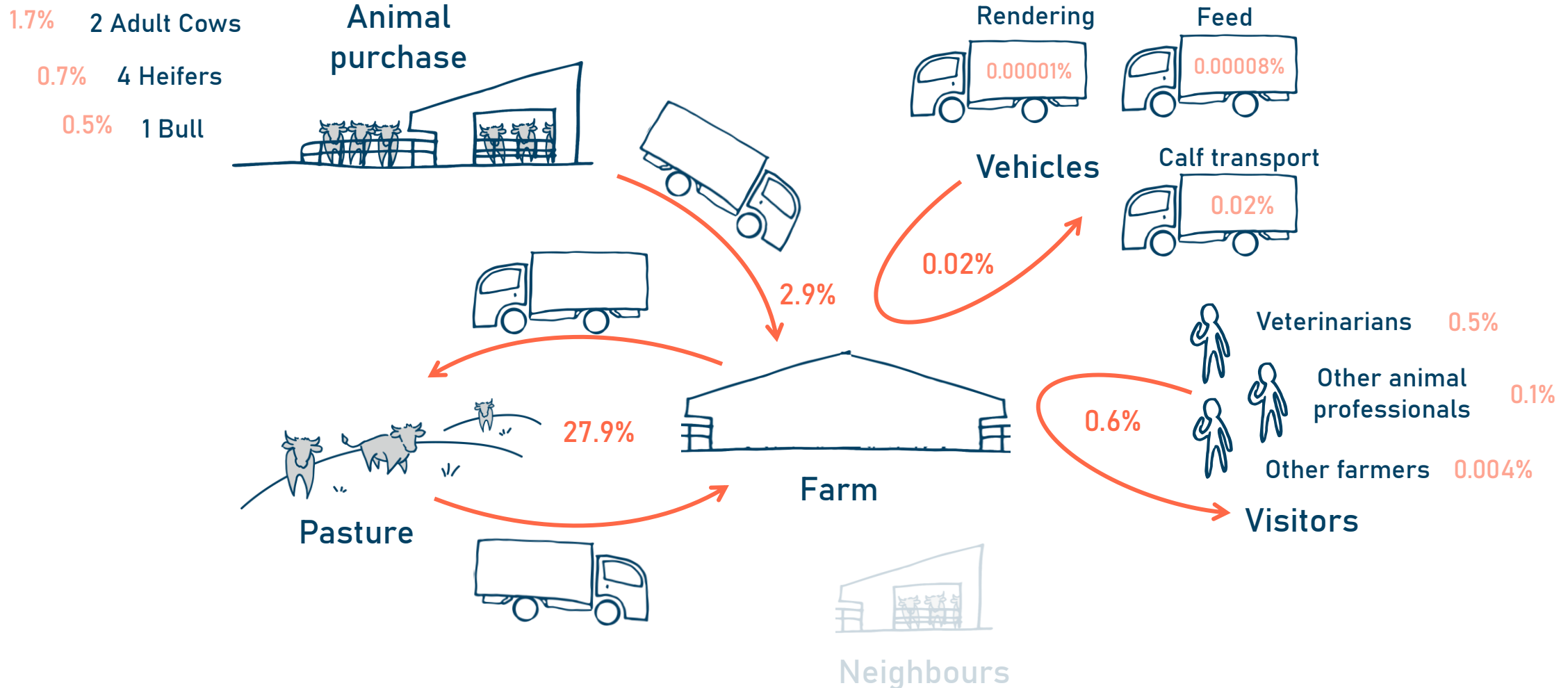
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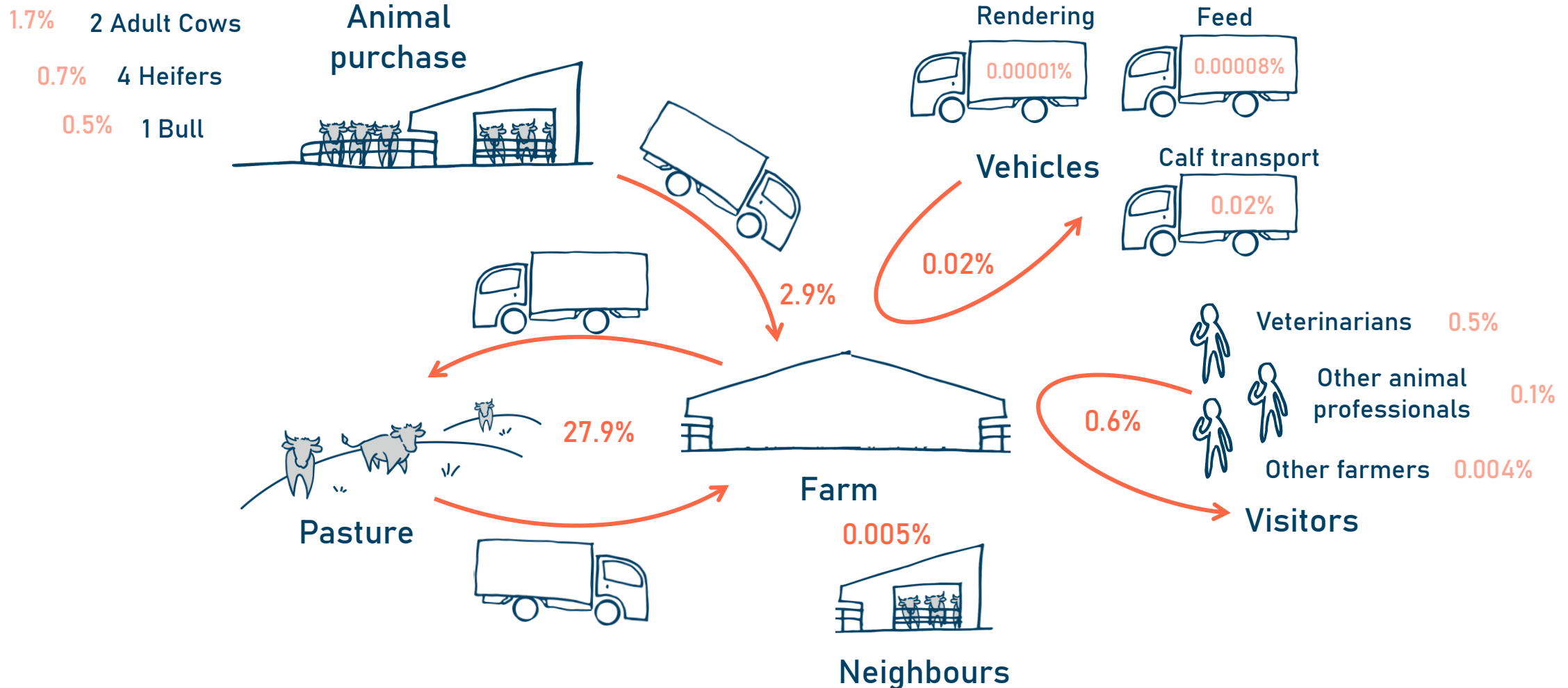
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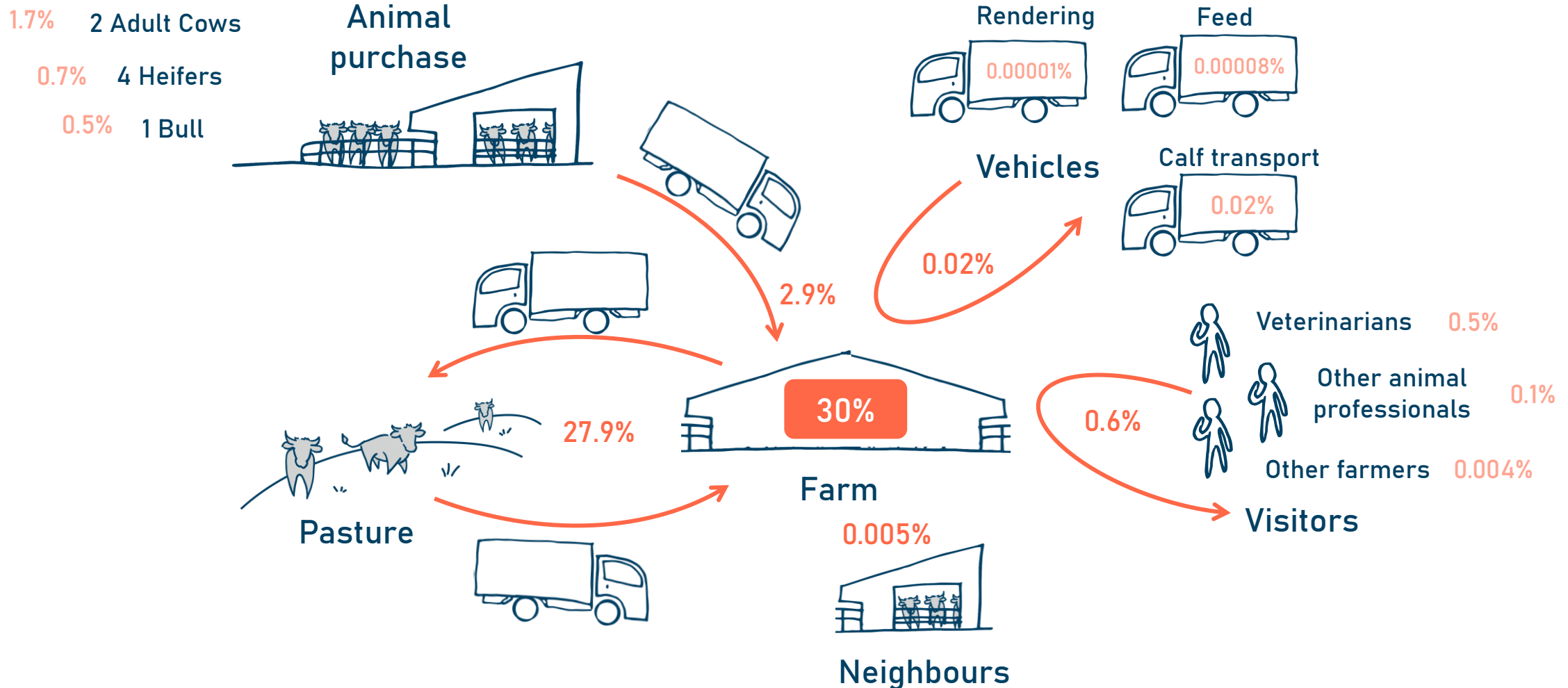
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1.7% 2 Adult Cows

0.7% 4 Heifers

0.5% 1 Bull

Animal purchase

Rendering

Feed

Vehicles

Calf transport

What-if new biosecurity measures were implemented...

30%

Farm

Neighbours

Pasture

27.9%

0.02%

0.6%

Visitors

Other animal professionals

Other farmers

0.5%

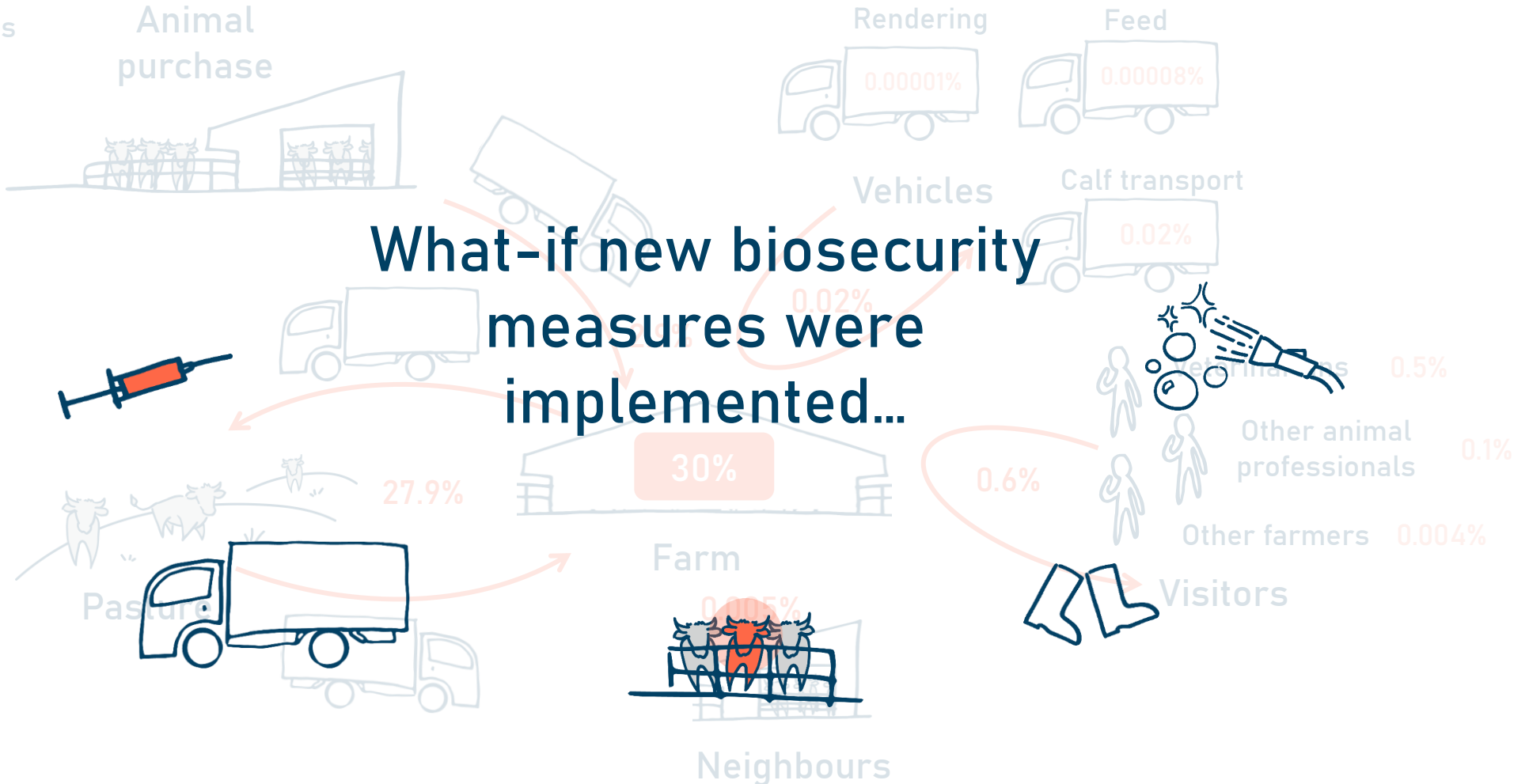
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0.00001%

0.00008%

0.02%

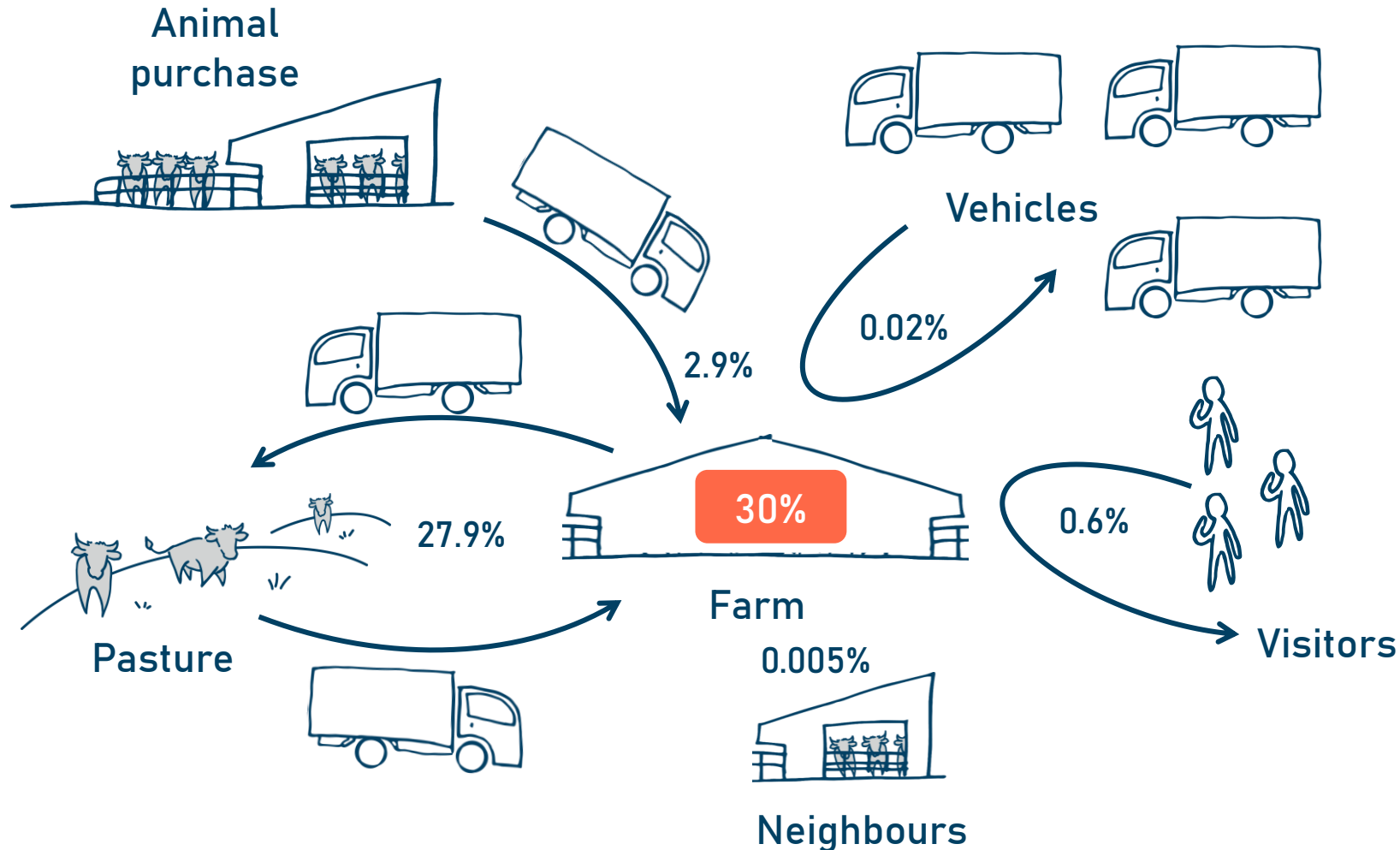


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What-if...

Test before purchase

Quarantine and test new animals

Screening all herds before pasture

Do not share pastures

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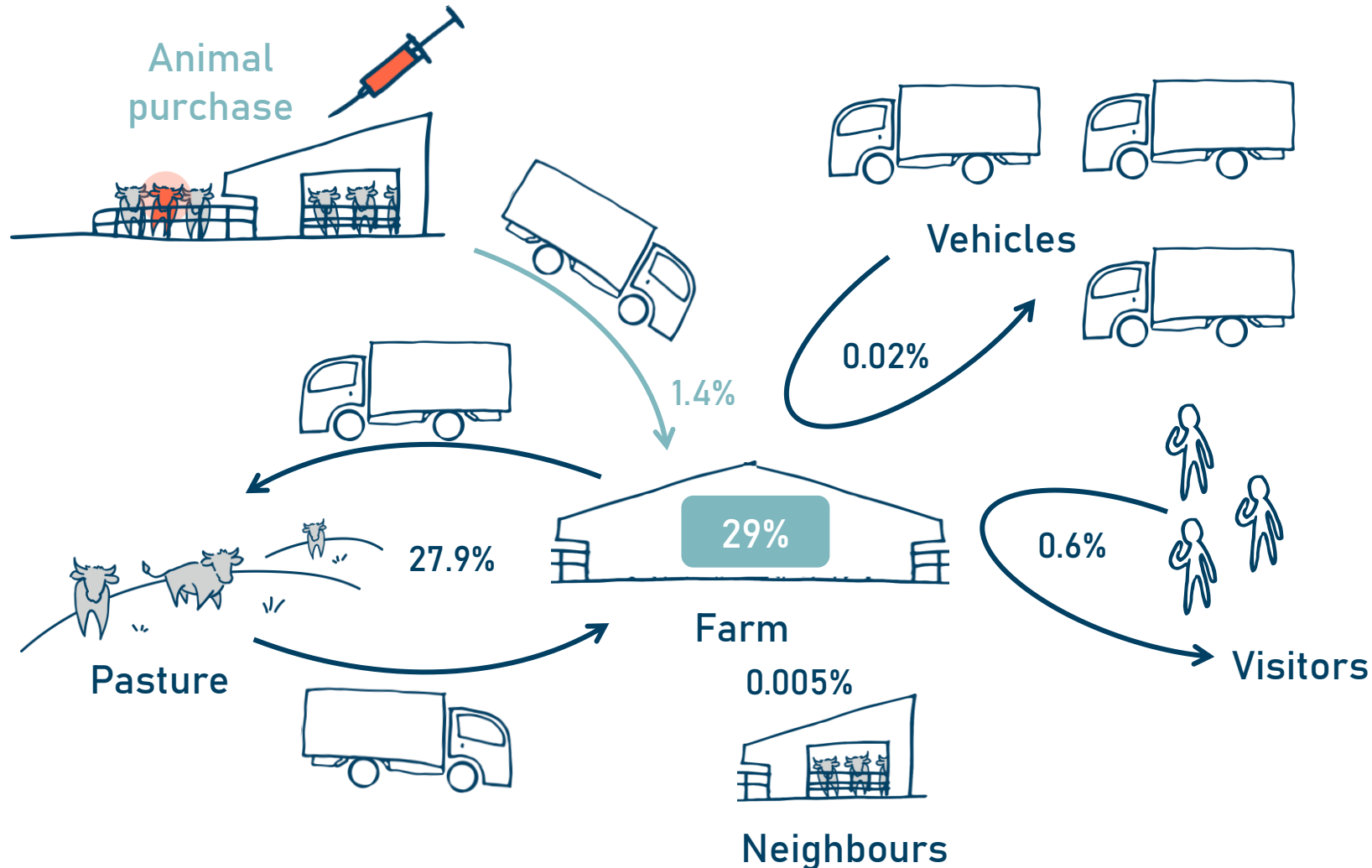
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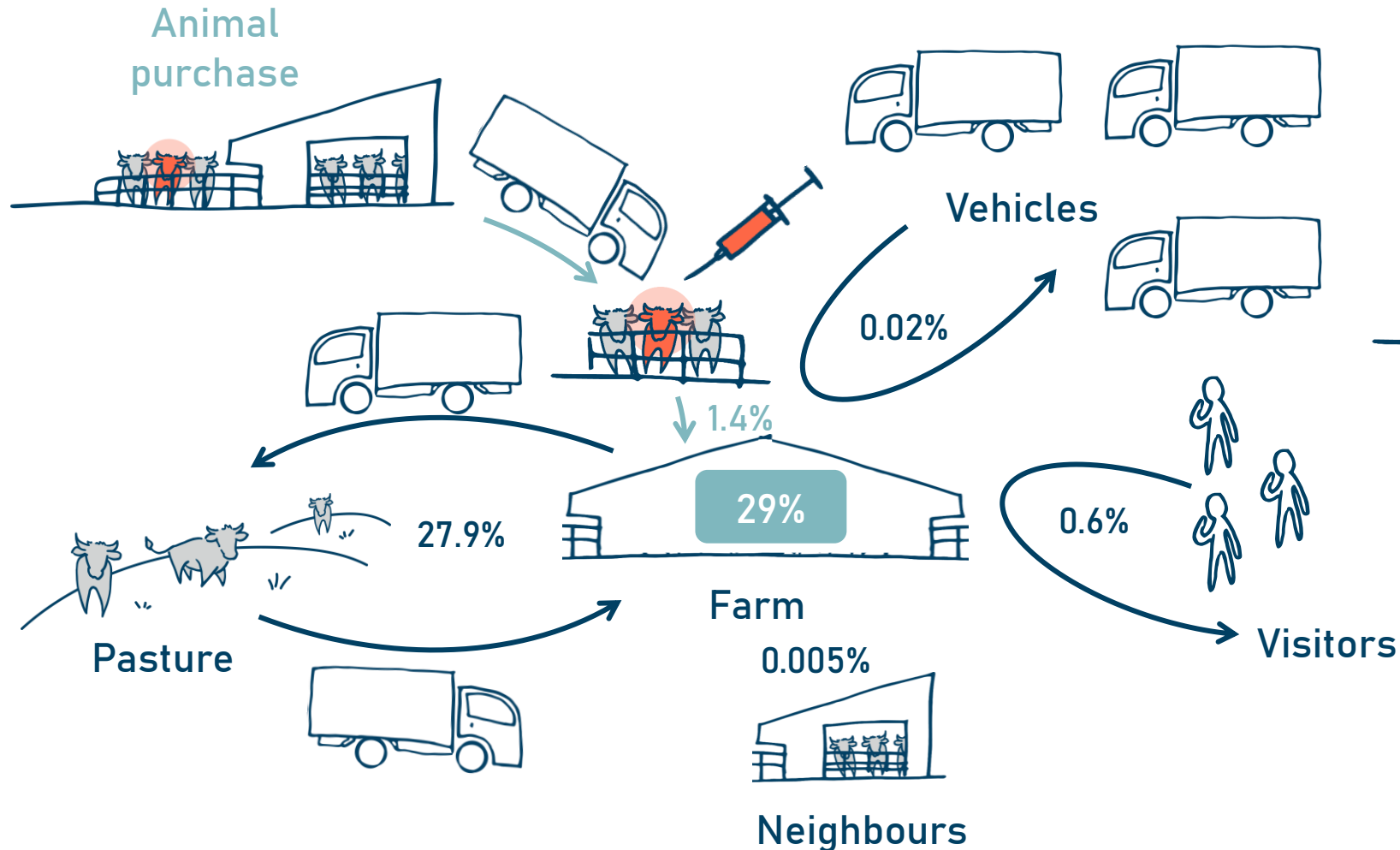
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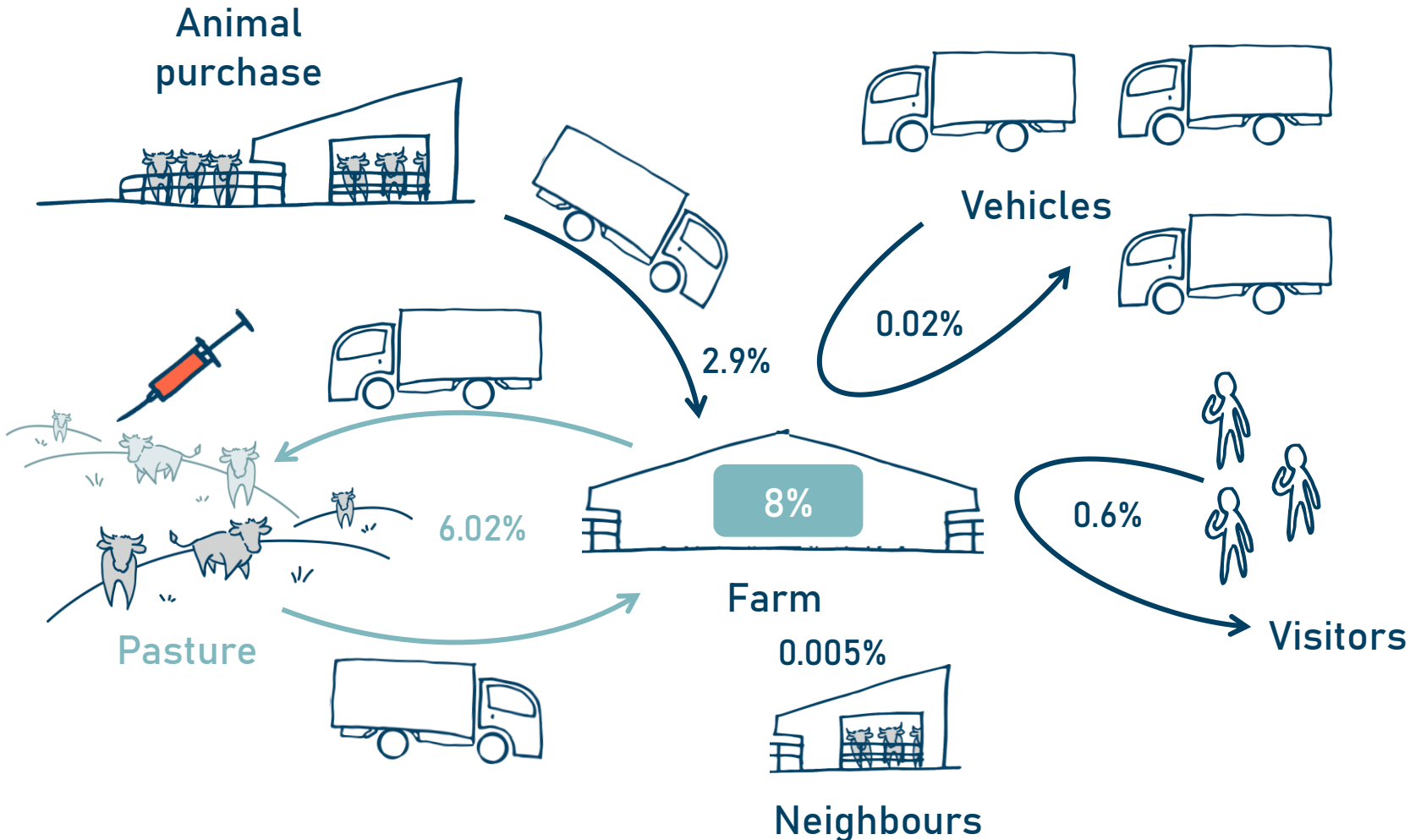
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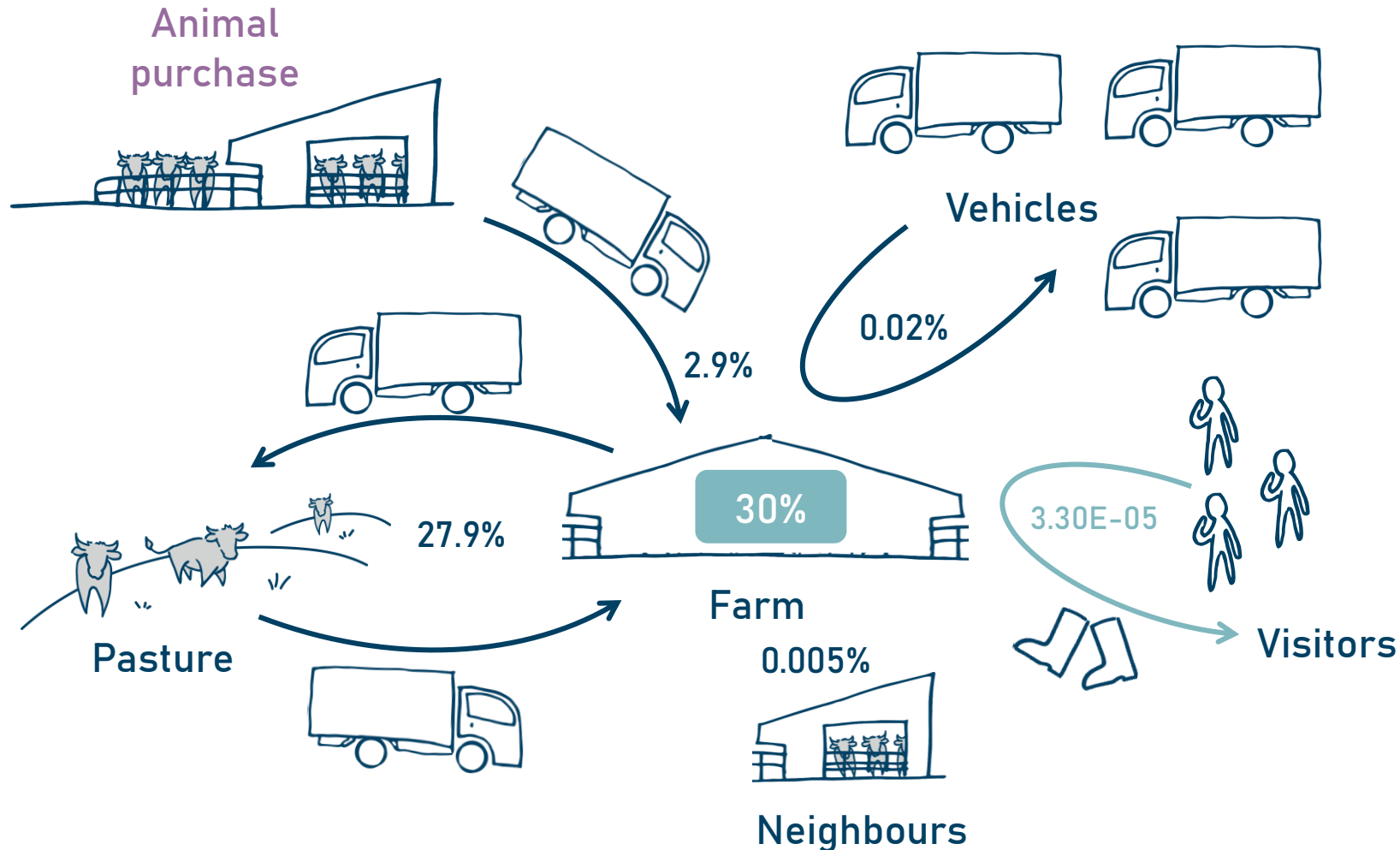
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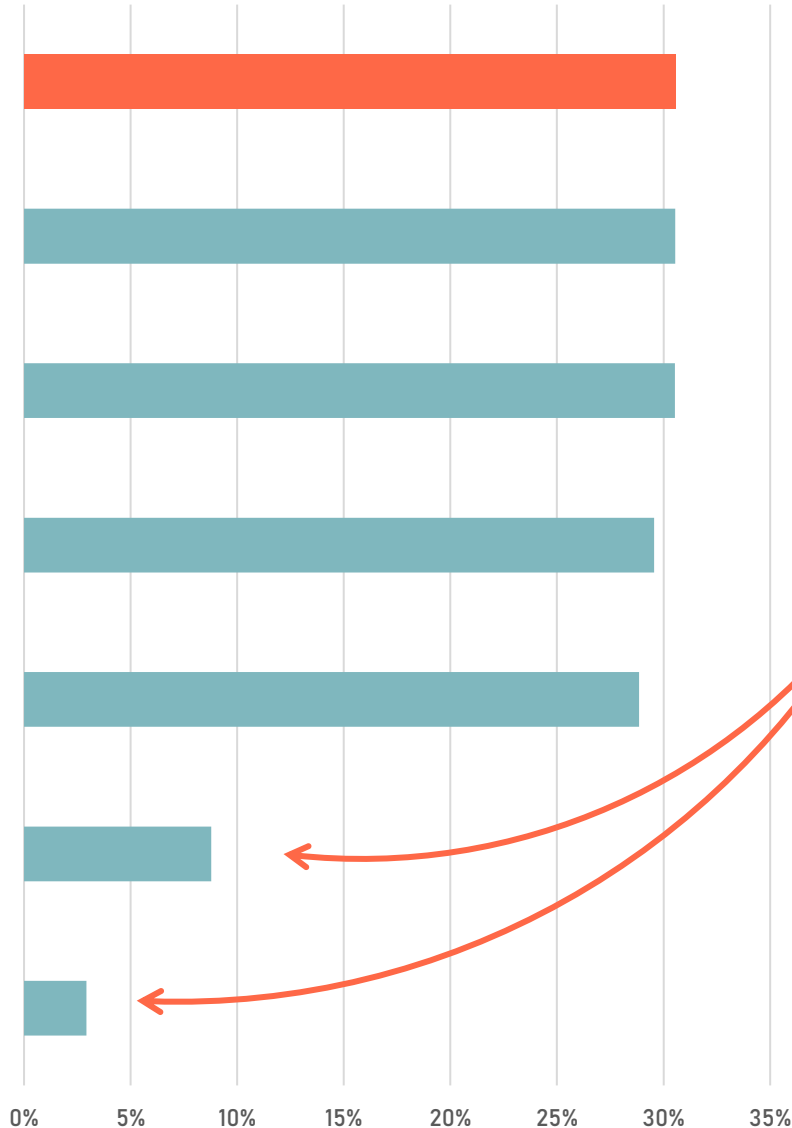
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Most effective measures!

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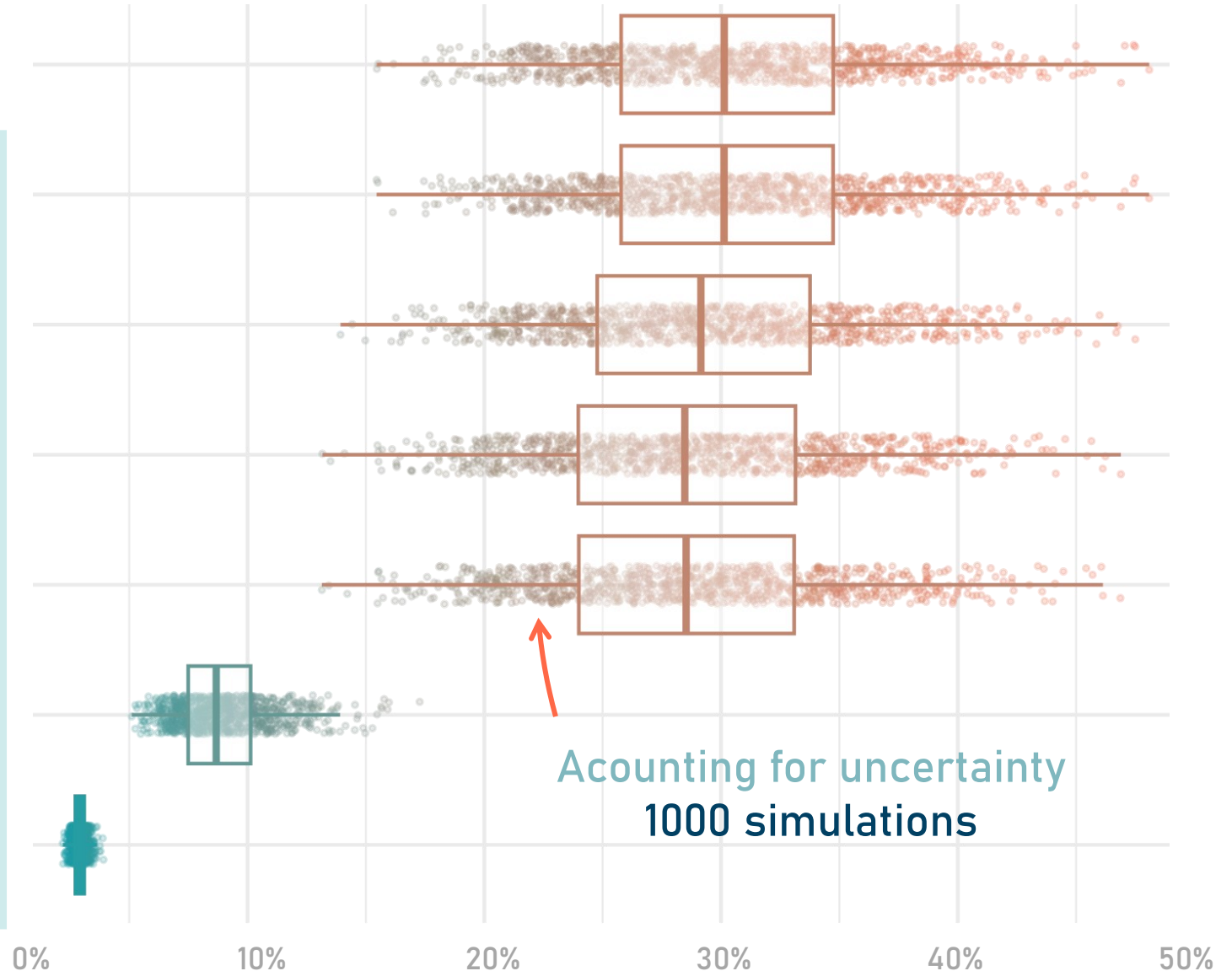
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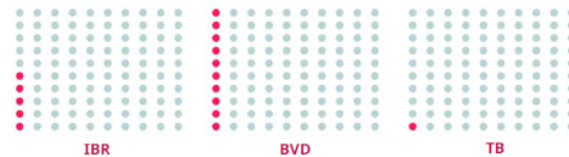
Results: Farm-specific feedback

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Informe de risc d'entrada de malalties

ID Granja: bl2_v2 Data enquesta: 03-10-2024

La probabilitat anual d'entrada de malalties és del 5% (3-7%) per a la rinotraqueïtis



infecciosa bovina (IBR), del 9% (4-17%) per a la diarrea viral bovina (BVD) i del 0,006% (0,003-0,015%) per a la tuberculosi.

El risc prové majoritàriament de les entrades de vehicles a la granja i del transport d'animals.

Per reduir el risc de les tres malalties, la mesura de bioseguretat més efectiva és proporcionar botes a tots els visitants.

Noves mesures de bioseguretat analitzades:

- No permetre l'entrada de vehicles al perímetre de la granja
- No compartir transport amb altres animals
- Test durant quarantena amb material exclusiu
- Test durant la quarantena
- No compartir transport
- No compartir equipament amb altres granges

Mesures de bioseguretat ja implementades a la granja:

- No permetre contacte directe amb granges veïnes
- Fer proves a tots els animals abans d'anar a concurs
- Netejar i desinfectar el vehicle propi entre transports

La granja no presenta riscos per a les següents vies:

- Entrada d'animals
- Contacte amb la fauna als punts d'aigua

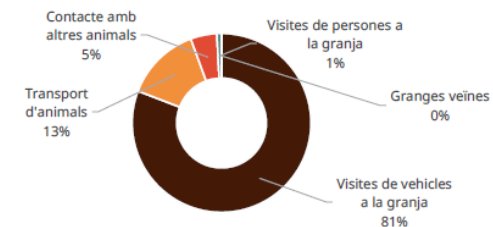
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Rinotraqueïtis infecciosa bovina (IBR)

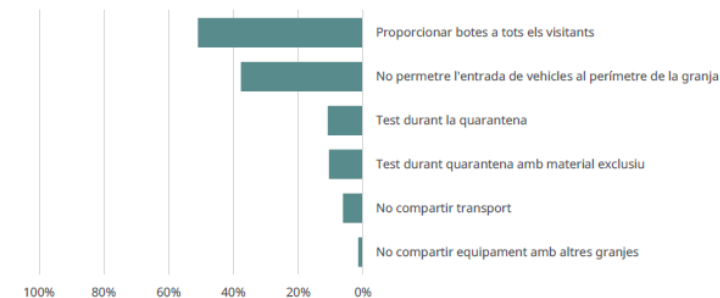
Risc anual d'entrada d'IBR a la granja: 5% (3-7%)

Per via d'entrada:

- Visites de vehicles a la granja: 4% (2-6%)
- Transport d'animals: 0,7% (0,5-0,9%)
- Animals d'altres orígens: 0,04% (0,03-0,06%)
- Visites de persones a la granja: 0,04% (0,02-0,06%)
- Explotacions veïnes: 0,004% (0,0002-0,01%)



Reducció del risc amb mesures de bioseguretat



Results for 5 dairy farms in Catalunya, Spain

Annual risk of IBR entry relative risk reduction of new biosecurity measures (median)

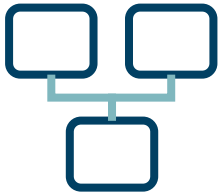
Biosecurity measure	Dairy 1	Dairy 2	Dairy 3	Dairy 4	Dairy 5
No shared rearing		-0.72%			
Screening herds before rearing		0.79%			
Test before transport	-1				
Own vehicle	-12				
No shared transport	-4.30%	-5.40%			
Vehicle disinfection	-8.20%			-1.70%	
Quarantine (with test)	-20.30%	-18.70%		-67%	
No vehicle entry	-42.70%	-30.40%	-65.10%	-1.50%	-80.50%
Boots for drivers	-36.80%	-43.30%	-32.50%	-0.91%	-16.10%
Boots for visitors	0.54%	0.29%		-0.13%	
No shared equipment	-0.16%	-2.50%	-7%	-0.29%	-0.09%

The most effective measures are different for each farm!

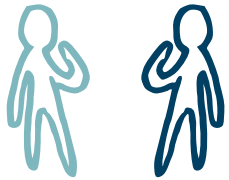
Conclusion



We developed a model to evaluate biosecurity effectiveness on farm-specific contexts using stochastic risk analysis



The modular design allows flexibility for new updates for new pathways, pathogens, and species



This tool can help veterinarians to discuss biosecurity with farmers and provide tailored recommendations that better address their needs

Biosecurity should be tailored to each farm!

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